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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### ***OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING***

A preliminary investigation pertaining to an officer involved shooting reveals the following: On August 7, 2008, at approximately 8:19am, San Antonio Police Officer Humberto Gallegos, a 28 year veteran, was patrolling in the 2800 blk. of Morales St. when he saw a lone male suspect driving a green Ford Explorer. The suspect's car matched the description of a car that was involved earlier in the morning with two separate drive-by shootings in the 2800 blk of Morales and at 2227 W. Salinas. Officer Gallegos attempted to stop the suspect car, but instead the suspect evaded Officer Gallegos and continued driving through several neighborhood streets. Minutes later, the suspect stopped his car in the 400 blk of N. Chupaderas and fled from the car on foot. As Officer Gallegos chased the suspect on foot, the suspect tripped on a curb at Central Alley and N. Chupaderas.

After falling to the ground, Officer Gallegos saw a small semi-automatic handgun fall from the suspect's waistband. Officer Gallegos reports that the suspect then grabbed the gun and began to point the gun directly at him. Officer Gallegos, fearing for his life, drew his service weapon and fired one shot towards the suspect. The suspect was subsequently struck and dropped his handgun. The suspect was transported to Wilford Hall Medical Center where he remains in critical condition. The suspect's handgun was recovered at the scene. It's unknown whether this same suspect was involved in the earlier drive-by shootings, however, his car and caliber of handgun matches evidence from those earlier shootings.

The identity of the suspect is being withheld pending the filing of formal charges and the notification of his next of kin.

The San Antonio Police Department's shooting Team is handling the investigation and will submit their findings to Police Chief William P. McManus and the Bexar County District Attorney's Office. As per policy, Officer Gallegos will be placed on administrative duty while the investigation continues.

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